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BIOGRAPHY

Mr. John A Meador, P.E.

Deputy Director, Task Force Hope

John Meador assumed the position of Deputy Director of Task Force Hope on July 30, 2006. Task Force Hope is the Mississippi Valley Division forward office in New Orleans, Louisiana responsible for program integration, synchronization, and strategic communication in implementation of the hurricane protection system improvements in Southeastern Louisiana which were authorized and funded following the devastating 2005 hurricane season.

From July 2004 through July 2006, Mr. Meador served as the Civil Works Deputy for the Southwestern Division Regional Integration Team at HQ USACE. The regional integration team supports and advocates for the USACE missions executed in the four districts that make up the Southwestern Division.

In October 2005, following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Mr. Meador deployed to the Gulf Region for six weeks as the team leader for the Infrastructure Support Integration Center. This center was established to coordinate activities among Federal, state and local agencies with responsibility for public infrastructure. This team closely collaborated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in their long term recovery mission.

In November 2005, the President established the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding to facilitate the actions of all Federal agencies with responsibilities for recovery in the Gulf region. Mr. Meador was named as the USACE liaison to this office soon after its establishment and served in this role until moving to New Orleans in July 2006. From June 2002 through June 2004, Mr. Meador served as the USACE Critical Project Security Program Manager. This job was established following the events of September 11, 2001 in which the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were attacked. Following these attacks, hundreds of USACE civil works projects were considered as potential targets and as such, vulnerability and risk assessments were performed and security measures were designed and implementation was initiated.

Mr. Meador moved to HQ USACE in August 2001 to become a senior program manager in the Civil Works Program Integration Division. This assignment included support of the Pacific Ocean Division and support for the Research and Development Program funded by the General Investigation Account. He remained in this position until June 2002.

From January 2000 until August 2001, Mr. Meador worked for the Mississippi Valley Division as the program manager for the St. Paul District. During this period he completed the requirements of the USACE Leadership Development Program.

From January 1975 through December 1999, Mr. Meador was a part of the Vicksburg District, US Army Corps of Engineers. He began as a hydraulic engineer and intern

ultimately advancing to a role as acting section chief for the Hydrologic Engineering Section. In 1990, he changed career paths into the project/program management profession completing assignments as the senior project manager for the Yazoo Basin in Mississippi. During the 1994-1995 academic year, Mr. Meador attended and graduated from USACE Civil Works Planners and Project Managers Program.

Mr. Meador is a Civil Engineering graduate of Mississippi State University and a Registered Professional Engineer in the state of Mississippi. He is married to the former Nancy Lynn Nichols of Jackson, MS and has two children and one grandchild.